



2017 CSA Member Agreement

Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

We at Blue Stone Farm wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Community Supported Agriculture is based upon a mutual commitment between farmer and members to share the risks and rewards involved in producing and consuming fresh, healthy food from a known local source. By becoming a member of the Blue Stone Farm LLC CSA program, you are helping support a business that emphasizes sustainable agriculture, environmental stewardship, and excellent food.

The farmers, Mark and Brenda Cowell, agree to:

- Work hard to produce fresh, diverse, high-quality food for your household through the 2017 growing season
- Manage our farm based on principles of ecological sustainability
- Manage the farm to mitigate risk of crop failure to the best of our knowledge and ability
- Manage the business honestly and ethically
- Communicate regularly with our members about the progress of the harvest and offer suggestions for preparing your share
- Treat all members fairly and equally, and respond thoughtfully to any questions or concerns
- Provide two cloth grocery bags for transporting your shares

CSA members agree to:

- Understand that membership is an investment in the farm's economic stability
- Understand that farming is fundamentally risky, that weather/pest conditions cannot be fully controlled, and thus that success of specific crops cannot be guaranteed in any given season or year, nor can the number of distributions be absolutely guaranteed
- Pay the agreed membership cost, on time and in the agreed payment plan
- Pick up your share in a timely fashion at the selected delivery location, and return one empty cloth grocery bag on each pick up date. If unable to pick up as scheduled, make alternative arrangements with the farm at least 2 days in advance; you may have a friend or neighbor pick up your share, but please also inform us of these plans in advance.
- Follow safe handling practices for the produce before serving, including washing all produce

CSA DATES & LOCATIONS Please select one:

- Option 1 **Saturday morning** (8:00am- 12:00 pm) pick up at **Texas Township Farmers Market**, 7110 West "Q" Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. First pick up May 27; final pick up October 21
- Option 2 **Tuesday afternoon** (4:00 pm - 7:00 pm) pick up at **Blue Stone Farm**, 2051 Jefferson Road, Otsego, MI 49078. First pickup May 23; final pick up October 17
- Option 3 **Tuesday afternoon** (4:00pm-7:00pm) pick up at **Texas Township Farmers Market**, 7110 West "Q" Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. First pick up Sat. May 27; final pick up Oct 21, as pick ups will be shifted to Saturdays for the first and last eight weeks of the season. The first Tuesday pick up will be on June 6th, the last August 29th.

If you cannot pick up your share, please make arrangements for someone else to pick it up for you. If you wish to temporarily change your site/ date, we can often accommodate that, but you must request this the week prior. Shares that are not retrieved during the pick up time will be donated to a food pantry, or used by the farm.

SHARE SIZE

Please check one: REGULAR SHARE. \$450. DOUBLE SHARE. \$825.

Returning members with both Blue Stone cloth bags receive a \$25 discount (\$425 per Regular share)

PAYMENT PREFERENCE

Please check one (All payments are non-refundable):

- SINGLE PAYMENT. Paid at time of joining the CSA.
- TWO PAYMENTS. One half of payment due at membership, the remainder by July 1.

COMMUNICATION

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is BlueStoneFarmCSA@gmail.com We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field growing your food and not at our desk. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your pick up site location, problems with your pick up site, or dissatisfaction with your share. We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your email from us! We depend on being able to communicate important information such as share content or necessary changes to the distribution schedule. You may also keep in touch with us via www.BlueStone.farm & our Facebook page. In addition, we can be reached by phone at (269)251-1418. Again, we will respond as quickly as possible.

MEMBER SIGNATURE(s)

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and agree to the terms described in this agreement:

Member(s) _____

Date: _____